



DENVER WOMENS HOCKEY LEAGUE

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Local Women's Ice Hockey Players Emulate Their Team USA Counterparts

With the US Women's Hockey Team once again favored to win gold in Salt Lake City, the interest in women's hockey is expected to increase as it did following the team's success at Nagano. Since then, women's participation in the sport has grown exponentially and this growth is evidenced locally by the formation and continued success of the Denver Womens Hockey League (DWHL).

The DWHL was formed in the winter of 2000 as a league aimed not only at adult females, but at those new to the sport. Organized and run entirely by players, the league focuses on skill development as well as games with the support of highly qualified coaches and instructors.

Midway through its first full season, the DWHL boasts over 160 members and four full teams. Players participate in one game and one practice per week with supplemental skills camps and tournaments throughout the year.

This spring and summer, the DWHL will host a variety of skills and training camps expected to be run by several hockey notables: Alain Lemieux, former NHLer and brother of NHL hall of famer Mario Lemieux; Mark Puttenvink, strength and conditioning coordinator for the NHL New York Rangers; former European hockey player Sean Savage; and Trevor Koenig, current goalie for the West Coast Hockey League San Diego Gulls.

"We are very excited about the level of skill instruction we can offer and the notable personalities affiliating themselves with our hockey league," says DWHL President Beth Gyurovits.

DWHL players will be attending the USA v. China game on January 31 at the Pepsi Center to watch their role models take to the ice.

For more information, including game and practice schedules, log on to www.dwhl.org or contact Beth Gyurovits on the DWHL Hotline at 303-808-3899.